

**WEEKLY REPORT**  
**Region 9**  
**Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Week Ending September 16, 2016**  
**Water Division**

**Significant Items for Last Week (September 12 - 16)**

**EPA Hosts Drinking Water Community Roundtable:** On September 8<sup>th</sup>, Joel Beauvais, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water and Tomás Torres hosted a community roundtable in Visalia, in California's Central Valley, to gather input for the development of a national action plan on drinking water. This was the first of four planned roundtables throughout the country. Over 30 community members attended and appreciated sharing with EPA their challenges of accessing safe drinking water; providing valuable and timely information to better elevate and prioritize the needs of disadvantaged communities. On September 9<sup>th</sup>, EPA and the State Board Division of Drinking Water visited nearby sites that illustrated drinking water challenges discussed at the roundtable. (Li, 2-3560)

**California Releases Draft Report on Direct Potable Reuse:** The California State Water Resources Control Board released a draft report on the feasibility of recycling wastewater for direct potable reuse but did not specifically endorse direct potable reuse. The report included information from an expert panel as well as an advisory group that Region 9 participated in. (MacIer, 2-3569)

**Significant Items for This Week (September 19 - 23)**

**Finalizing Nevada Impaired Waters List:** Deliberative Process (b) (5)

Attorney Client (b) (5)

(Guiliano, 7-4133)

**Significant Items for Next 2-3 Weeks**

**Additional Funding for Tribal Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Projects:** De-obligated funds from previous awards will be used to further two tribal infrastructure projects through interagency agreements with the Indian Health Service. The Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside Program will provide funding to 1) connect a new well to the La Jolla Reservation's Western Well drinking water system, which currently does not have adequate water supply due to ongoing drought, and 2) expands the scope of work for the Sells Sewer Main and Lagoon Upgrade at the Tohono O'odham Nation. (Rapicavoli, 2-3969 and Sockabasin, 2-3772)

**Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements**

**Engaging on Coral Reef Health and Water Quality in Guam and CNMI:** Tomás Torres will attend the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF) in Guam and Saipan on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> where

adoption of key coral reef actions are proposed for a USCRTF Strategy, a draft Coral Reef Mitigation Handbook, and an Updated Watershed Partnership Initiative Strategy. Prior to the CRTF, Tomás will meet with Walter Leon Guerrero, Acting Guam EPA Administrator, and Frank Rabuliman, Administrator of the CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality and visit several water infrastructure and water-related sites on Guam and Saipan. (Torres, 2-3337)

**Other Information**

**Division Director Schedule (September 19 - 23):**

Internal Personnel (b) (2)